

McCotter	Pitts	Smith (TX)
McCrery	Poe	Smith (TX)
McDermott	Pombo	Snyder
McGovern	Pomeroy	Sodrel
McHenry	Porter	Solis
McHugh	Price (GA)	Souder
McIntyre	Price (NC)	Spratt
McKeon	Pryce (OH)	Stearns
McMorris	Putnam	Strickland
McNulty	Radanovich	Stupak
Meehan	Rahall	Sullivan
Meek (FL)	Ramstad	Sweeney
Meeks (NY)	Rangel	Tancredo
Melancon	Regula	Tanner
Menendez	Rehberg	Tauscher
Mica	Reichert	Taylor (MS)
Michaud	Renzi	Taylor (NC)
Millender-	Reyes	Terry
McDonald	Reynolds	Thomas
Miller (FL)	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (CA)
Miller (MI)	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (MS)
Miller (NC)	Rogers (MI)	Thornberry
Miller, Gary	Rohrabacher	Tiahrt
Miller, George	Ros-Lehtinen	Tiberi
Mollohan	Ross	Tierney
Moore (KS)	Roybal-Allard	Towns
Moore (WI)	Royce	Turner
Moran (KS)	Ruppersberger	Udall (CO)
Moran (VA)	Ryan (OH)	Udall (NM)
Murphy	Ryan (WI)	Upton
Murtha	Ryun (KS)	Van Hollen
Musgrave	Sabo	Velázquez
Myrick	Salazar	Visclosky
Nadler	Sánchez, Linda	Walden (OR)
Napolitano	T.	Walsh
Neal (MA)	Sanders	Wamp
Neugebauer	Saxton	Wasserman
Ney	Schakowsky	Schultz
Northup	Schiff	Waters
Norwood	Schwartz (PA)	Watson
Nunes	Schwarz (MI)	Watt
Oberstar	Scott (VA)	Waxman
Obey	Sensenbrenner	Weiner
Olver	Serrano	Weldon (FL)
Ortiz	Sessions	Weldon (PA)
Osborne	Shadegg	Weller
Owens	Shaw	Westmoreland
Pallone	Shays	Wexler
Pascrell	Sherman	Whitfield
Pastor	Sherwood	Wicker
Pearce	Shinkus	Wilson (NM)
Pelosi	Shuster	Wilson (SC)
Pence	Simmons	Wolf
Peterson (MN)	Simpson	Woolsey
Peterson (PA)	Skelton	Wu
Petri	Slaughter	Wynn
Pickering	Smith (NJ)	Young (FL)

NAYS—2

McKinney

Paul

NOT VOTING—22

Andrews	Jackson-Lee	Payne
Brown, Corrine	(TX)	Platts
Green, Gene	Jenkins	Rothman
Gutierrez	Kennedy (RI)	Rush
Hastings (FL)	McCollum (MN)	Sanchez, Loretta
Honda	Nussle	Scott (GA)
Hyde	Otter	Stark
	Oxley	Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1908

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed two votes on June 7, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted yea on roll-call 228 and 229.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor during today's rollcall votes on H. Con. Res. 44 (recognizing the importance of Cinco de Mayo) and H. Res. 282 (expressing the sense of the House regarding anti-Semitism by United Nations members). Had I been present, I would have voted yea on each of these measures.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 65

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 65.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, once again I rise tonight to talk about what Americans pay for prescription drugs compared to what the rest of the industrialized world pays for those same prescription drugs.

And for those who were watching on Sunday night the television show "60 Minutes," there was a very interesting segment, and it featured Dr. Peter Rost, who is both an M.D. and a VP of a very large pharmaceutical company. And what Dr. Rost talked about last night on "60 Minutes" is the same subject that I and many Members of this House have been talking about for several years, and that is that Americans pay by far and away much more for prescription drugs than consumers in any other industrialized country.

I do not know how well Members can see this, but this chart has five of the most commonly prescribed prescription drugs today; and it has prices from London, from Athens, and from the United States. And what we see on these charts is we really have three different price levels. We see the price, for example, of Lipitor in London is \$40.88. That same Lipitor, which incidentally Dr. Rost talked about and is made in Ireland, all of it is imported somewhere because it is all made in Ireland; but in London, \$40.88; in Athens, \$55.65; but a month's supply in the United States is \$76.41.

□ 1915

You look at the entire list and then you total them up, the five most commonly prescribed drugs. In London,

those five drugs are \$195 U.S. In Athens, they are \$231 in American dollars. Here in the United States, \$507.

Mr. Speaker, the chart can get worse, too. If you look at what we see, for example, in Germany, and these numbers again are from earlier this year, when you compare on this chart we have 10 of the most commonly-prescribed drugs brought at the Metropolitan Pharmacy in Frankfurt, Germany, and this is essentially just coming in off the street, not expecting any special discount either in the United States or here, but those 10 in the United States total \$1,040. In Germany, you can buy the same drugs for \$455.57.

Mr. Speaker, it really is time that we do what they do in Europe. It is called parallel trading. For Members, if we can work out the legalities, we are going to try to make available to Members a copy of that 60 Minutes segment so people can see for themselves and hear from somebody who is actually a pharmaceutical insider.

As I say, he is now a VP of marketing of one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. He formerly though worked in Europe for a big pharmaceutical company, and he was involved in what is called parallel trading. That creates a competitive marketplace. Because, at the end of the day, we Americans understand it does cost money to develop these new drugs, and we are willing to pay our fair share. We ought to be willing to subsidize the starving people in Sub-Saharan Africa. We should not be forced to subsidize the starving Swiss.

Americans deserve world-class drugs at world market prices. The time has come to open up markets and allow Americans to have access to these drugs. When we do, you will see the prices balanced so that the prices in Europe are probably going to go up a little, but the prices here in the United States will go down dramatically.

Please join me in this important effort.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIERREZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTIERREZ addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS WESLEY ROBERT RIGGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. "I don't do it for the money . . . I don't do it for the glory . . . Providing for our future is my responsibility . . . I can't call in sick on Mondays when the weekend has been too strong. I just work straight through the holidays and sometimes all night long. You can bet that I stand ready